

Program Alerts

For certain measures in the program, CMS changed the reporting requirements to increase flexibility. CMS provided alternative reporting options and exceptions for providers who are scheduled to be in an earlier stage of the programs, affected by a significant hardship, or implementing or upgrading certified EHR technology (CEHRT).

In 2016 there are changes to the Secure Electronic Messaging (EPs only) and Public Health Reporting objectives. For the Secure Electronic Messaging objective, the measure's threshold has a phased approach. While the Public Health Reporting objective requires EPs to meet two measures and EHs/CAHs to meet three measures or claim alternate exclusions.

Providers should visit the EHR Incentive Programs [website](#) and review the *What You Need to Know for 2016* Tipsheets for [EPs](#) and [eligible hospitals and CAHs](#) in preparation for attestation.

Important Dates

Eligible Professionals, Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals:

- **2016**
Last year to initiate participation in Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- **January 1, 2017**
Reporting year begins for Program Year 2017.
- **January 26, 2017**
Healthcare Transformation Regional Roadshow – Lexington
- **February 28, 2017**
Last day to submit registration for Program Year 2016.
Medicare CY 2016 attestation deadline.
- **March 31, 2017**
Last day to submit an attestation to receive an incentive payment for Program Year 2016.
- **July 2017**
Targeted go live date for Program Year 2017.
- **December 31, 2017**
Reporting year ends for Program Year 2017.
- **2021**
Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.

For Help with Meaningful Use

Regional Extension Centers (REC) with Kentucky Service

- Kentucky REC at the University of Kentucky: <http://kentuckyrec.com/>
- NorthEast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization: <http://nekyrhio.org/>

For Help from Kentucky Medicaid

- Medicaid EHR website <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/ehr.htm>
- Send an email to ehrincentives@ky.gov
- Send an email from Send E-mail function at <https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/KYSLR/Login.aspx>
- Submit an Issue/Concern through attestation website

Getting Started

- ✓ Register at CMS
- ✓ Individual NPI and Registration Identifier (assigned by CMS)
- ✓ Payment reassignment documentation
- ✓ 90 day patient volume report
- ✓ Meaningful Use reports for MU reporting period
- ✓ Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT) supporting documentation
- ✓ Screen shot of CMS Certification ID from the Certified Health IT Product List website
- ✓ Meaningful Use Confirmation form (provided by KHIE) and/or Go-Live Approval form (provided by KHIE)

Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Status, December 19, 2016

	Registrations	Completed Attestations	Total Paid	Amount Paid
Hospitals	95	273	263	\$132,457,438.05
Providers	4,782	7,548	6,227	\$97,245,667.23
Totals	4,877	7,821	6,490	\$229,703,105.28

Kentucky Medicare EHR Incentive Program Status, July 2016

Total Payments to EPs and EHs: 10,806

Total Amount Paid: \$379,086,957.18

KHIE Connection

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the Public Health Authority in the Commonwealth for the public health measures within the EHR Incentive Program. In order to be deemed a Meaningful User the provider must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation.

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